

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning [0001] and [0002], with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0001] --This application is a Continuation application claiming 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority from prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/680,142, now U.S. Patent No. 6,651,117, filed October 3, 2000, entitled "NETWORK STACK LAYER INTERFACE," and is herein incorporated by reference. The parent application claimed priority of prior provisional applications (1) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/163,266, filed November 3, 1999, entitled "SCSI OVER ETHERNET," (2) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/189,639, filed March 14, 2000, entitled "ETHERNET STORAGE PROTOCOLS FOR COMPUTER NETWORKS," and (3) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/201,626, filed May 3, 2000, entitled "SCSI ENCAPSULATION PROTOCOL," which are also hereby incorporated by reference.

[0002] This application is also related to US patent Application No. 09/490,629, now U.S. Patent No. 6,738,821, filed January 24, 2000, entitled "ETHERNET STORAGE PROTOCOL NETWORKS," and US patent Application No. 09/490,630, now U.S. Patent No. 7,031,904, filed January 24, 2000, entitled "METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING AN ETHERNET STORAGE PROTOCOL IN COMPUTER NETWORKS." Each of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference.--